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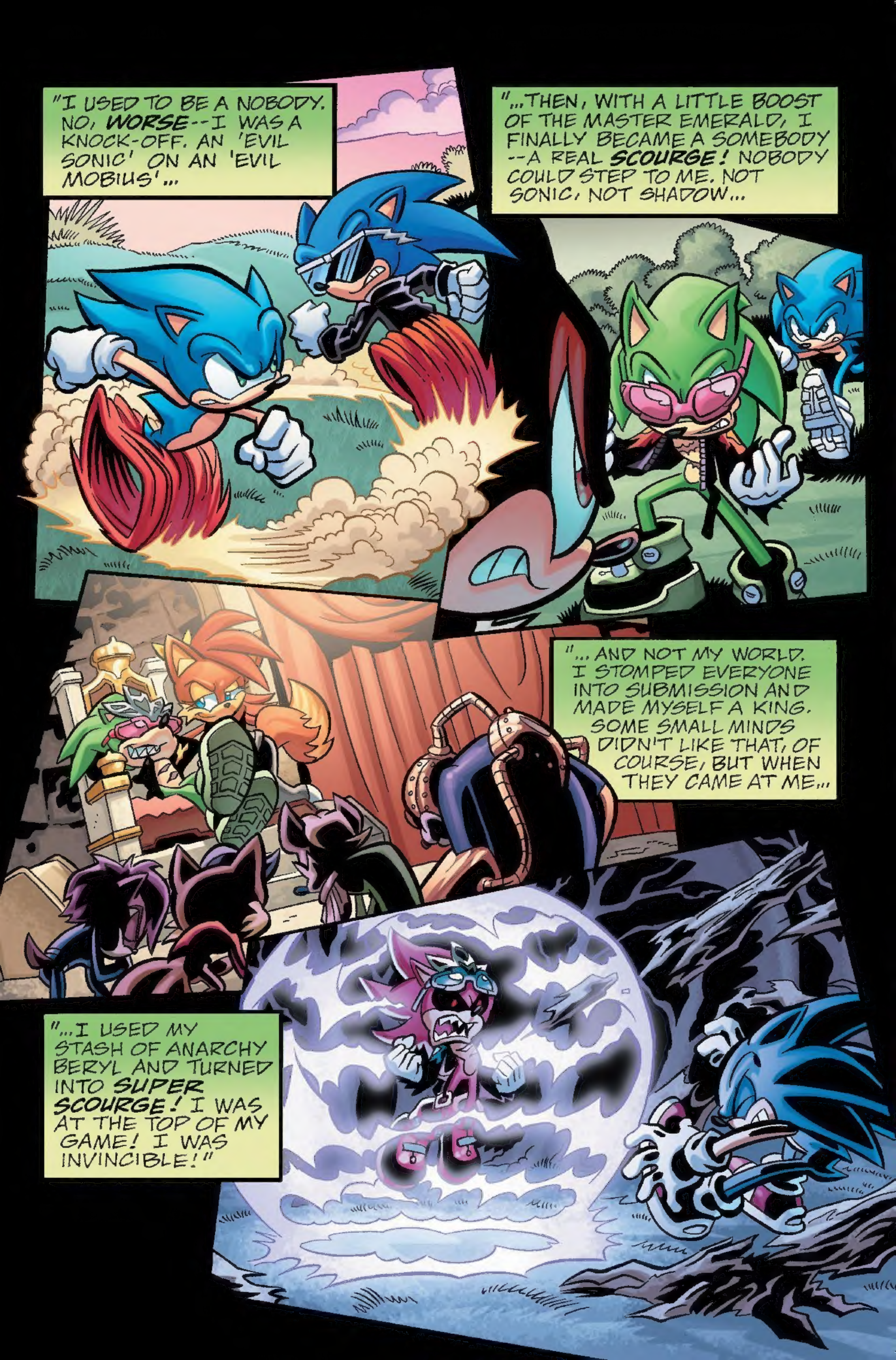
"I USED TO BE A NOBODY. NO, WORSE--I WAS A KNOCK-OFF. AN 'EVIL SONIC' ON AN 'EVIL MOBIUS'...
"...THEN, WITH A LITTLE BOOST OF THE MASTER EMERALD, I FINALLY BECAME A SOMEBODY --A REAL SCOURGE! NOBODY COULD STEP TO ME. NOT SONIC, NOT SHADOW...
"...AND NOT MY WORLD. I STOMPED EVERYONE INTO SUBMISSION AND MADE MYSELF A KING. SOME SMALL MINDS DIDN'T LIKE THAT, OF COURSE, BUT WHEN THEY CAME AT ME...
"...I USED MY STASH OF ANARCHY BERYL AND TURNED INTO SUPER SCOURGE! I WAS AT THE TOP OF MY GAME! I WAS INVINCIBLE!"

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"... AND NOW LOOK AT ME.
"I'M JUST SOME PUNK."
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"TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE, THESE GUYS..."
WHAT-UP, "SNOT"?
"...BACK IN THE DAY, I COULD TEAR THESE JOKERS TO SHREDS. BUT IN HERE...
"...I'M THE JOKE.
"AND THE ONLY THING WORSE THAN BEING LOWER THAN DIRT..."
ARE YOU OKAY?!

"...IS BEING STUCK WITH THE WORMS."

OH, GOODIE! IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY BROKE ANYTHING THIS TIME!

A FEW GRASS STAINS TO THE FACE NEVER HURT ANYONE! BESIDES, THEY MATCH YOUR SPINES!

AW, DON'T LET THEM GET YOU DOWN, BUDDY. ME AND CAL ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BR!!!!!!!IGHT SIDE OF LIFE! YOU SHOULD TOO!

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AL'S RIGHT! WE USED TO BE **GODS** IN OUR HOME ZONE! THAT IS, UNTIL ALL OUR FIGHTING STARTED DAMAGING OTHER ZONES AND THE ZONE COPS HAD TO BRING US DOWN.

RIGHT! AND YOU WERE ONLY A KING, SO PUT IT ALL IN PERSPECTIVE...?

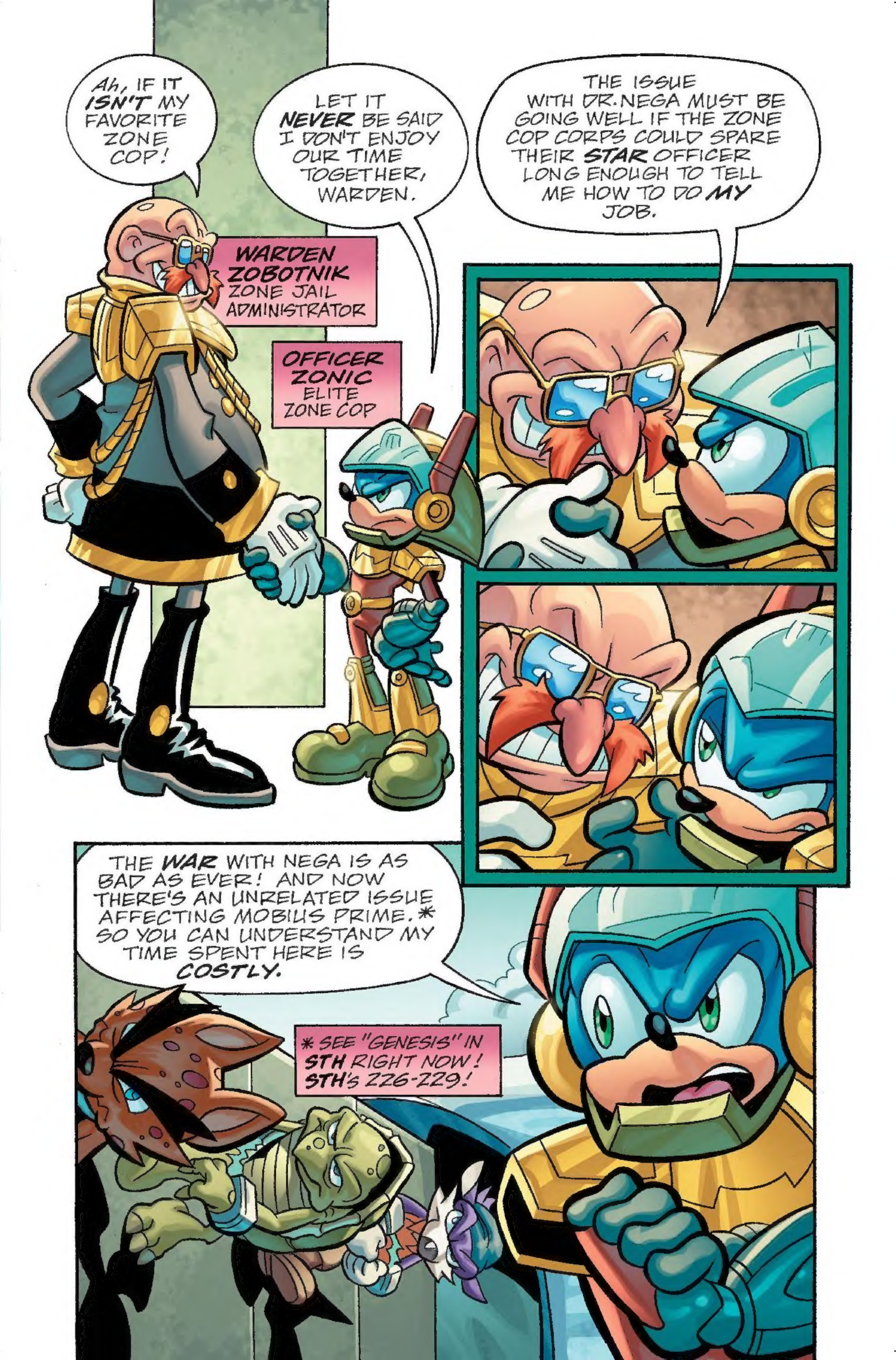
POOR GUY. BUT WHAT WAS THAT "BRIGHT SIDE" YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?

Hmm? OH. JUST THAT SINCE HE GOT HERE, WE DON'T GET BEAT UP AS MUCH.

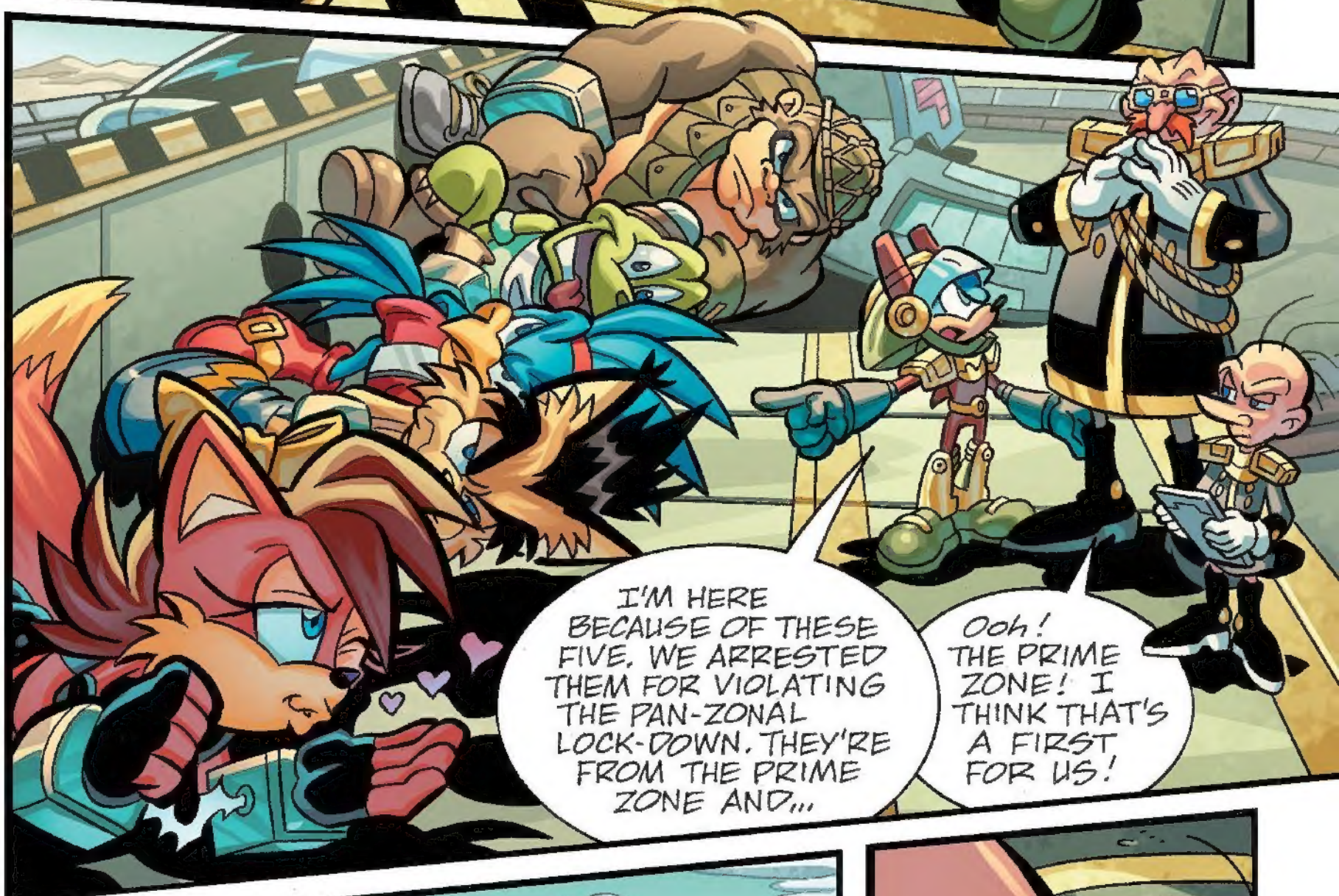
Ah. NOT SO BRIGHT A SIDE FOR HIM, THEN.

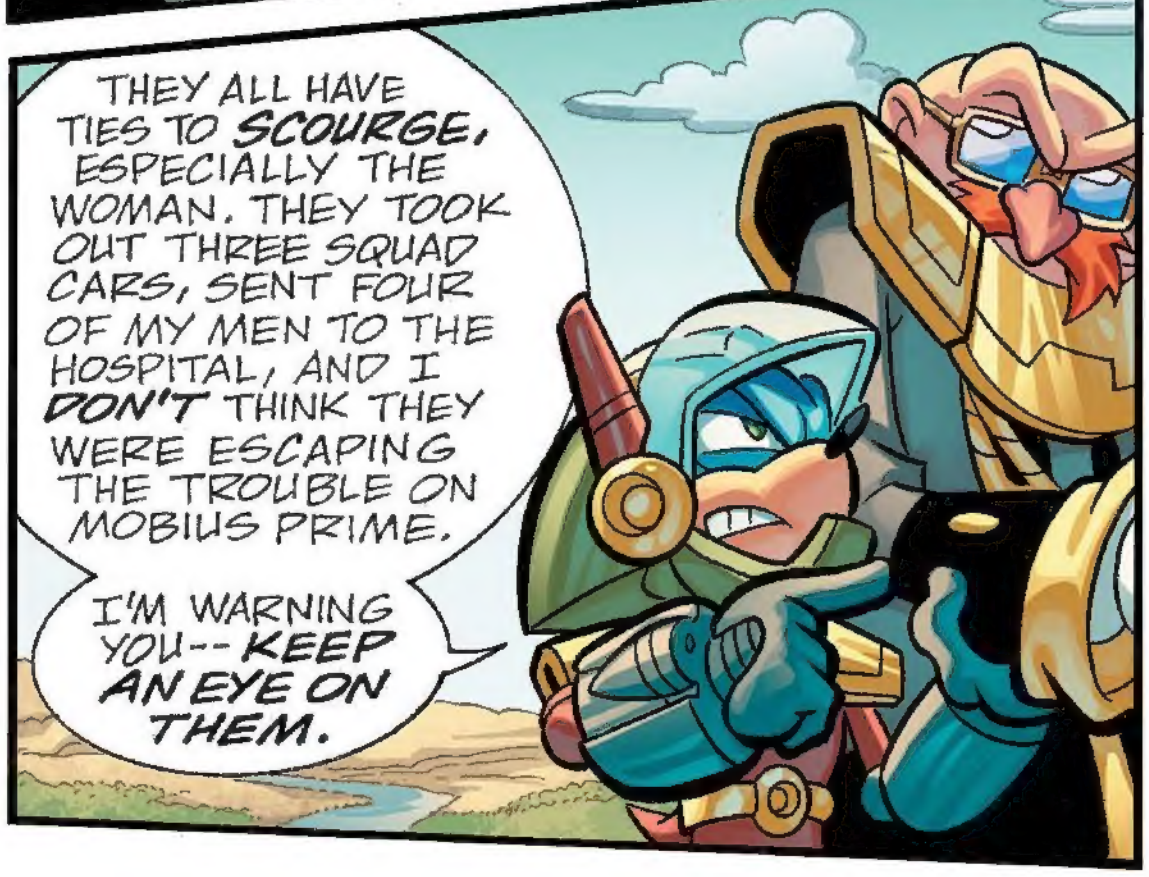
NO. I WAS JUST TRYING TO BE NICE.

LOOKS LIKE A NEW BATCH OF SCRUBS COMING IN. COOL.
"FRESH MEAT WILL KEEP THE JERKS OFF MY BACK FOR A WHILE."
KEEP STILL AND NO FUSS NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! WE'LL HAVE YOU PROCESSED AND ORIENTED AS QUICKLY AS YOUR GOOD BEHAVIOR ALLOWS.
TH-THE HORIZON... IT'S WRONG...!
NO, YOU'RE IN THE WRONG. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE MINE NOW.
WARDEN...
...LET'S KEEP THIS LINE MOVING. I NEED TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU.


Ah, IF IT ISN'T MY FAVORITE ZONE COP!
LET IT NEVER BE SAID I DON'T ENJOY OUR TIME TOGETHER, WARDEN.
THE ISSUE WITH DR. NEGA MUST BE GOING WELL IF THE ZONE COP CORPS COULD SPARE THEIR STAR OFFICER LONG ENOUGH TO TELL ME HOW TO DO MY JOB.
WARDEN ZOBOTNIK ZONE JAIL ADMINISTRATOR
OFFICER ZONIC ELITE ZONE COP
THE WAR WITH NEGA IS AS BAD AS EVER! AND NOW THERE'S AN UNRELATED ISSUE AFFECTING MOBIUS PRIME.* SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND MY TIME SPENT HERE IS COSTLY.
* SEE "GENESIS" IN STH RIGHT NOW! STH's 226-229!

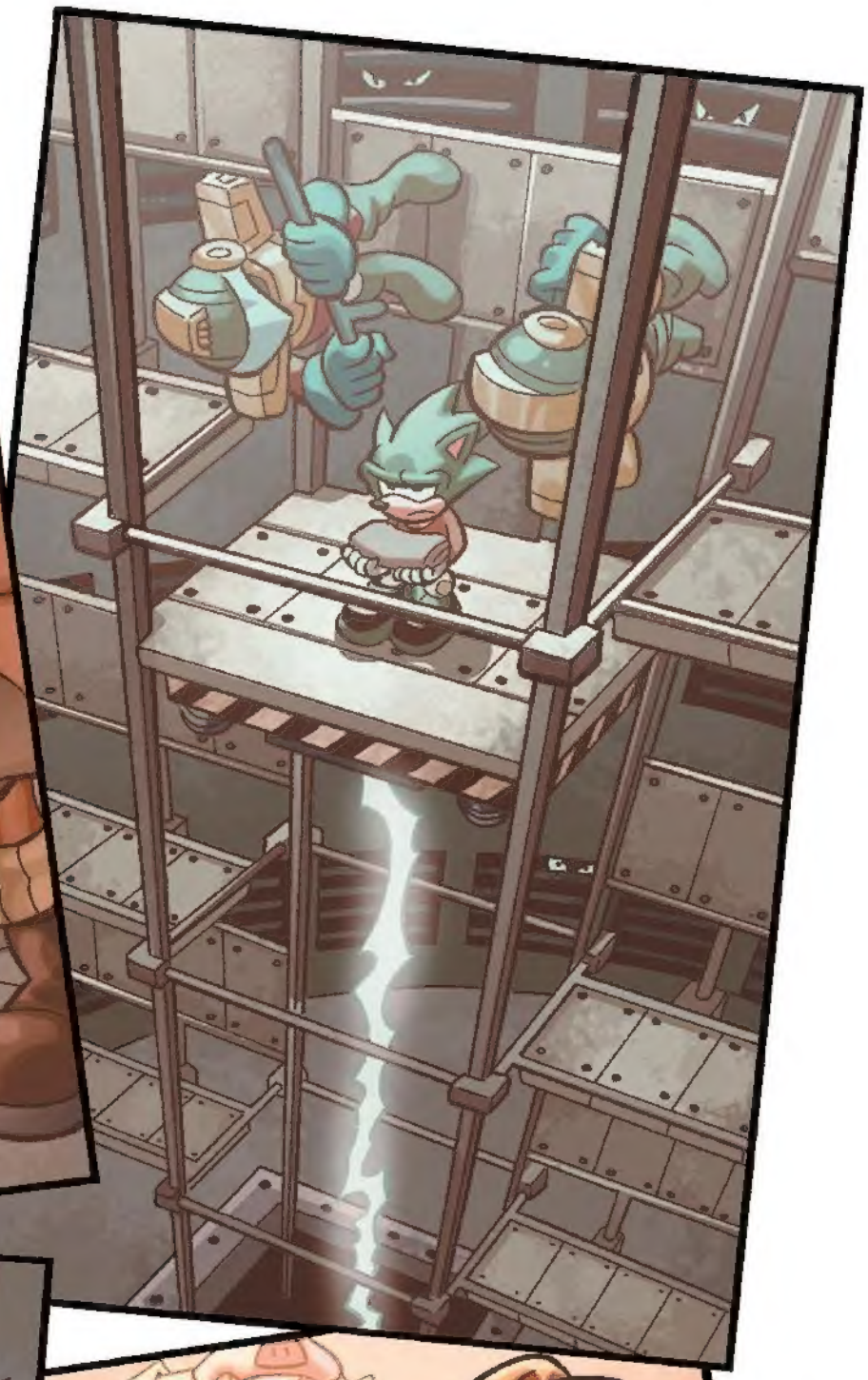
AND I'M NOT HERE TO TELL YOU HOW TO DO YOUR JOB. DESPITE SOME INMATES' COMPLAINTS, YOUR RECORD IS SPOTLESS.
NO ONE HAS EVER ESCAPED UNDER MY WATCH.


I'M HERE BECAUSE OF THESE FIVE. WE ARRESTED THEM FOR VIOLATING THE PAN-ZONAL LOCK-DOWN. THEY'RE FROM THE PRIME ZONE AND...
OOH! THE PRIME ZONE! I THINK THAT'S A FIRST FOR US!


THEY ALL HAVE TIES TO SCOURGE, ESPECIALLY THE WOMAN. THEY TOOK OUT THREE SQUAD CARS, SENT FOUR OF MY MEN TO THE HOSPITAL, AND I DON'T THINK THEY WERE ESCAPING THE TROUBLE ON MOBIUS PRIME.
I'M WARNING YOU-- KEEP AN EYE ON THEM.

THE PRIME ZONERS WILL FALL IN LINE. AND AS FOR SCOURGE...

"WE'VE BEEN AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING HIS REHABILITATION..."



CREEEEEK!

HOW TO NOT BE SEEN
HEH!

SNICKER!

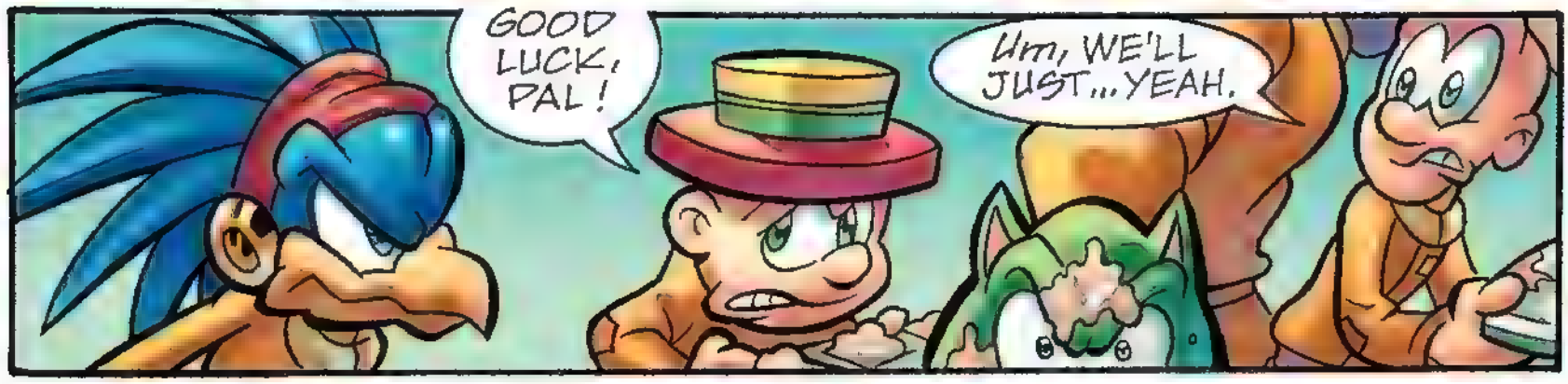
LAUNDRY ROOM-B
!

"...VERY AGGRESSIVELY. I'M PLEASED WITH OUR PROGRESS."

GOOD MORNING, PAL!
IT'S BEEN RATHER PEACEFUL SINCE THE NEW INMATES ARRIVED, HASN'T IT?
YEAH. SURE, I GUESS. WENT A WHOLE DAY WITHOUT EATING TURF.
YOU LEARN TO APPRECIATE THE FLAVOR.
PERHAPS THE RUFFIANS WILL FIND NEW FAVORITES TO PICK ON? LIKE THAT MOTLEY CREW FROM THE PRIME ZONE?
WAIT...YOU MEAN SONIC'S ZONE?
YES! FROM MOBIUS. AND FIVE OF THEM AT ONCE!
WE'RE GUESSING THEY WERE HAVING A CLEARANCE SALE! DAHAHA!
OH, NO. IT BETTER NOT BE WHO I THINK IT...
HEY, "SNOT." HAVE A SEAT.

LEMME GO, SMALLS! I GOTTA SEE WHO THE PRIME ZONERS...
SPLAT!
AW, NOW YOU DONE IT! I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE WASTE FOOD!
GRRRRRR

YOU WERE JUST LEAVING.
SURE, BIG MAN, SURE. HE'S ALL YOURS.


GOOD LUCK, PAL!
Um, WE'LL JUST...YEAH.

SORRY-- PRIVATE TABLE.
ONLY THOSE WITH AN INVITE OR DEATH WISH ALLOWED!

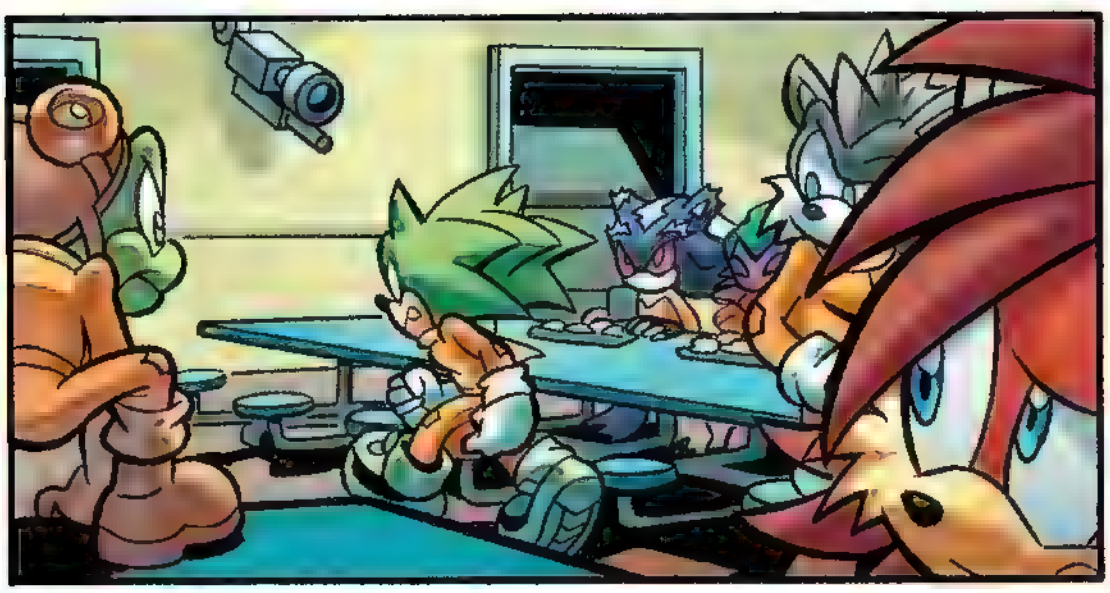
TABLE SECURED, BOSS!
THE DESTRUCTIX MERCENARY TEAM
FIONA FOX DESTRUCTIX BOSS
HEY, BABY. YOU MISS ME?

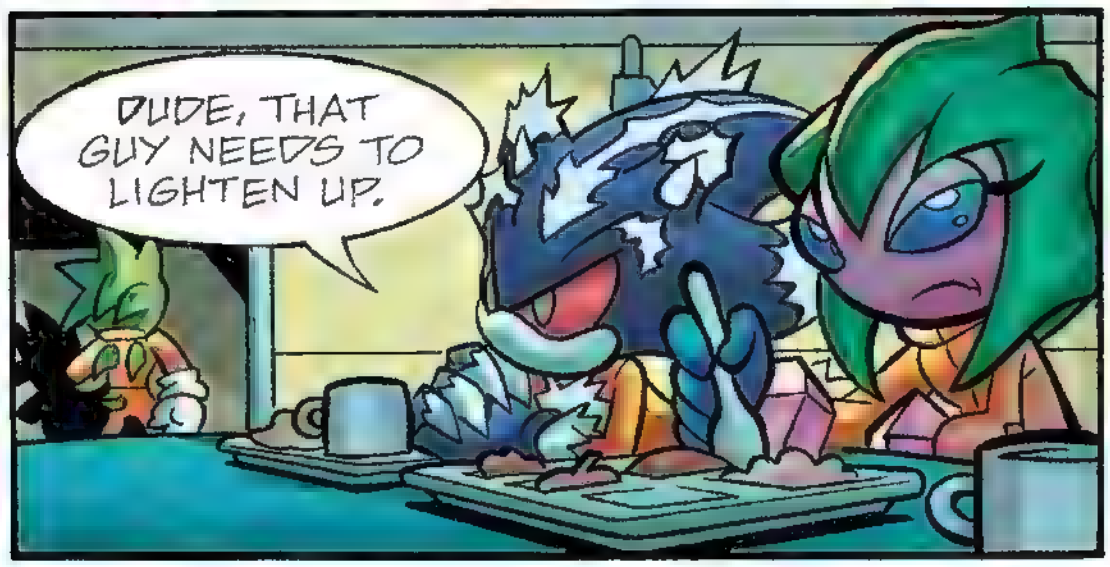
AW, DON'T BE LIKE THAT. YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T DITCH YOU BACK AT FREEDOM HQ.* I KNEW YOU'D NEED BACK-UP, SO I WENT AND GOT US THE DESTRUCTIX.

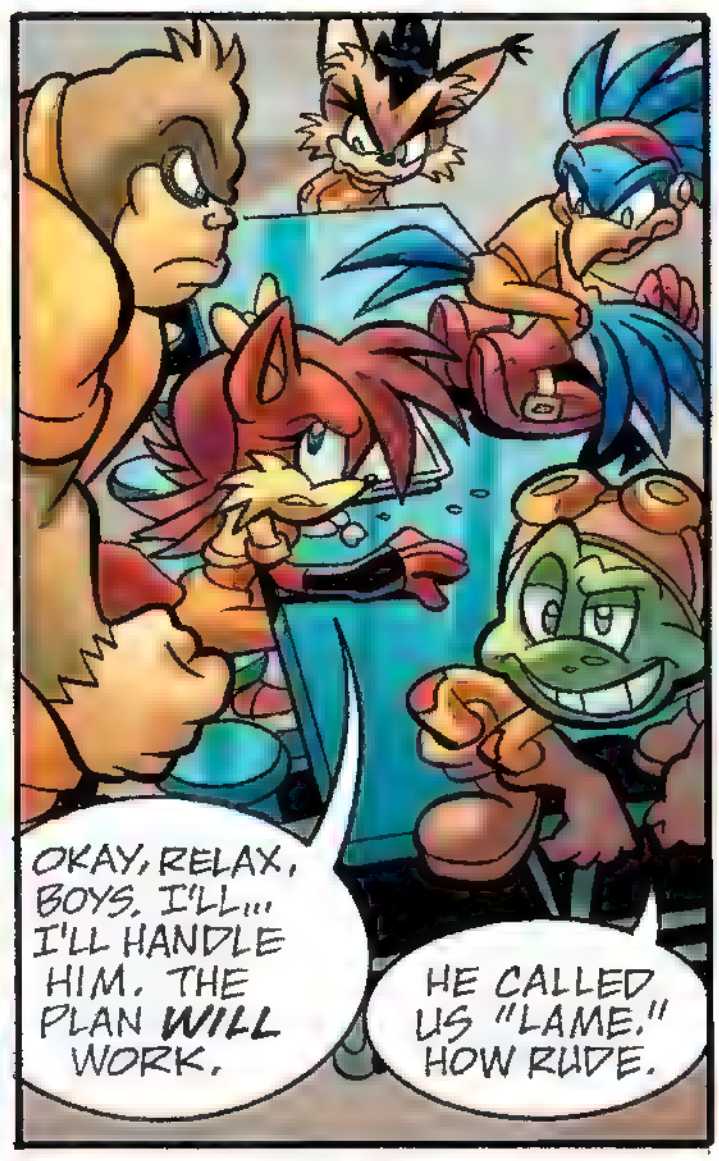
*STH#194

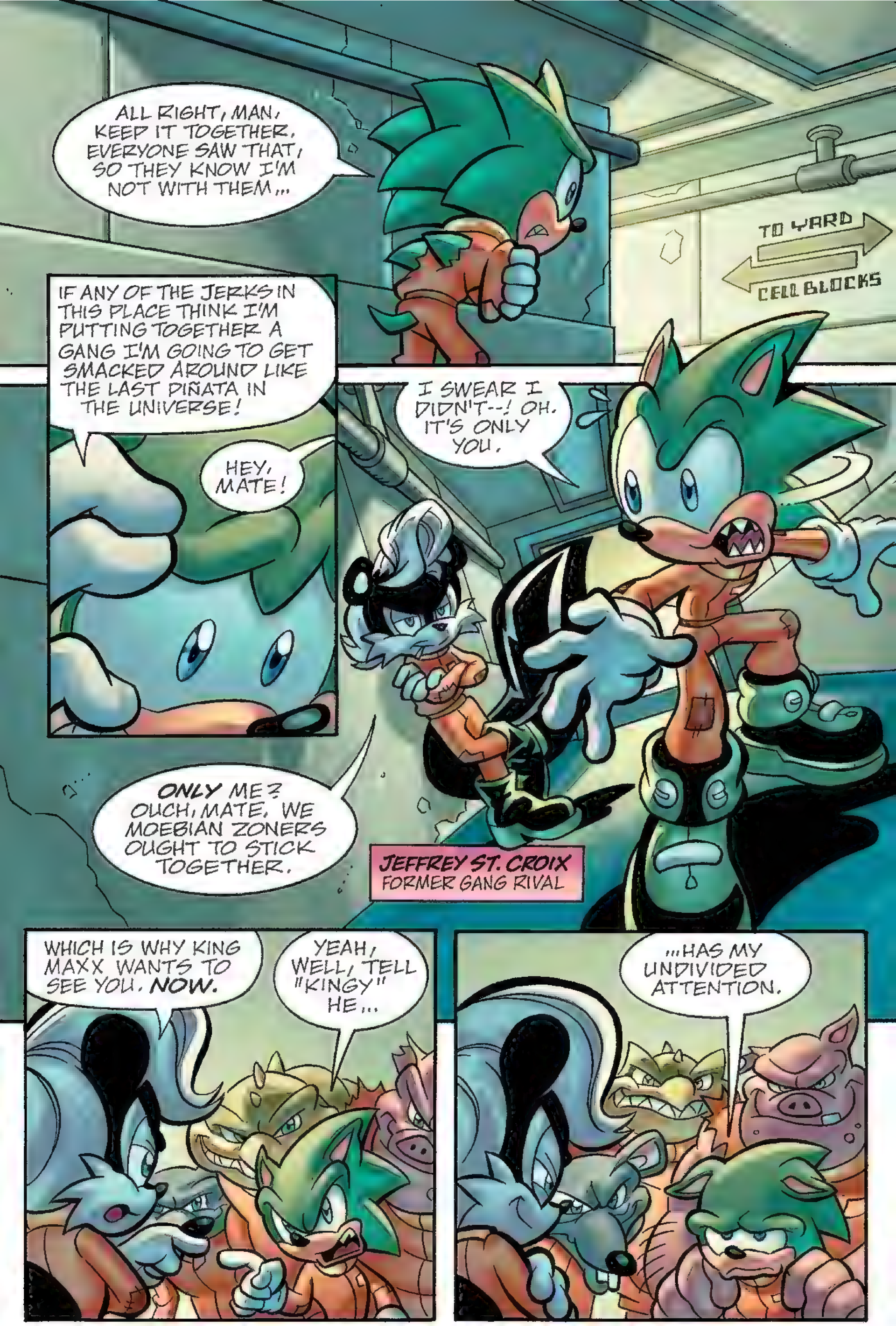
I CUT A DEAL WITH FINITEVUS TO GET US ON THE COSMIC INTERSTATE. THEN WE GOT OURSELVES ARRESTED, AND NOW WE'RE HERE TO BREAK YOU OUT! NOW TELL ME-- WHO LOVES YA?

YOU MORON! YOU AND THESE LAME FREAKS ARE ALL GONNA GET ME KILLED!








ALL RIGHT, MAN, KEEP IT TOGETHER. EVERYONE SAW THAT, SO THEY KNOW I'M NOT WITH THEM...
TO YARD
CELL BLOCKS
IF ANY OF THE JERKS IN THIS PLACE THINK I'M PUTTING TOGETHER A GANG I'M GOING TO GET SMACKED AROUND LIKE THE LAST PIÑATA IN THE UNIVERSE!
HEY, MATE!
I SWEAR I DIDN'T--! OH. IT'S ONLY YOU.
ONLY ME? OUCH, MATE. WE MOEBIAN ZONERS OUGHT TO STICK TOGETHER.
JEFFREY ST. CROIX
FORMER GANG RIVAL
WHICH IS WHY KING MAXX WANTS TO SEE YOU. NOW.
YEAH, WELL, TELL "KINGY" HE...
...HAS MY UNDIVIDED ATTENTION.

SOON...
SCOURGE, MY BOY! SO GOOD OF YOU TO ANSWER MY SUMMONS SO PROMPTLY!
MAXX ACORN USURPED MOEBIAN KING
SURE, NO PROBLEM.
LISTEN. I WANT YOU TO KNOW I HARBOR NO ILL WILL. I RATHER ENJOYED CONQUERING THE ZONE OF SILENCE AFTER YOU EXILED ME THERE.*
I EVEN ENJOYED CARVING OUT MY LITTLE "TERRITORY" HERE ONCE THE ZONE COPS STOPPED MY NIGHT-MARE ARMY'S INVASION OF THE MULTIVERSE...
* AS MENTIONED IN SONIC SELECT VOL.4!
I EVEN ENDORSE YOUR IDEA FOR RE-NAMING MOEBIUS! NO LONGER DOES MOBIUS PRIME CAST ITS SHADOW OVER US! I HAVE CON-TINUED THAT LITTLE STROKE OF GENIUS TO EVERY MOEBIAN HERE, HAVEN'T I, "ST. CROIX"?
YES SIR. VERY WISE OF YOU, SIR.
AND YET...

I THOUGHT OUR AGREEMENT WAS THAT YOU WOULDN'T CHALLENGE MY POWER HERE, AND MY GANG WOULDN'T TEAR YOU LIMB FROM LIMB.
WAIT, WHOA, WHAT ARE YOU...?
PLEASE. FIVE FORMER ASSOCIATES OF YOURS, ONE OF THEM YOUR GIRLFRIEND, JUST HAPPEN TO BE ARRESTED AT THE SAME TIME?
IT WAS HER IDEA, NOT MINE! THEY'RE NOT WITH ME, YA CRAZY GEEZER!
HAHAHA! INSULTS WON'T SAVE YOU NOW!
LEAVE ENOUGH OF HIM TO BE IDENTIFIED. HE'LL SERVE AS A LESSON TO THE OTHERS!
WITH PLEASURE, SIR.

I'M NOT GOING DOWN LIKE A CHUMP! NOT HERE! NOT LIKE THIS!
NO!

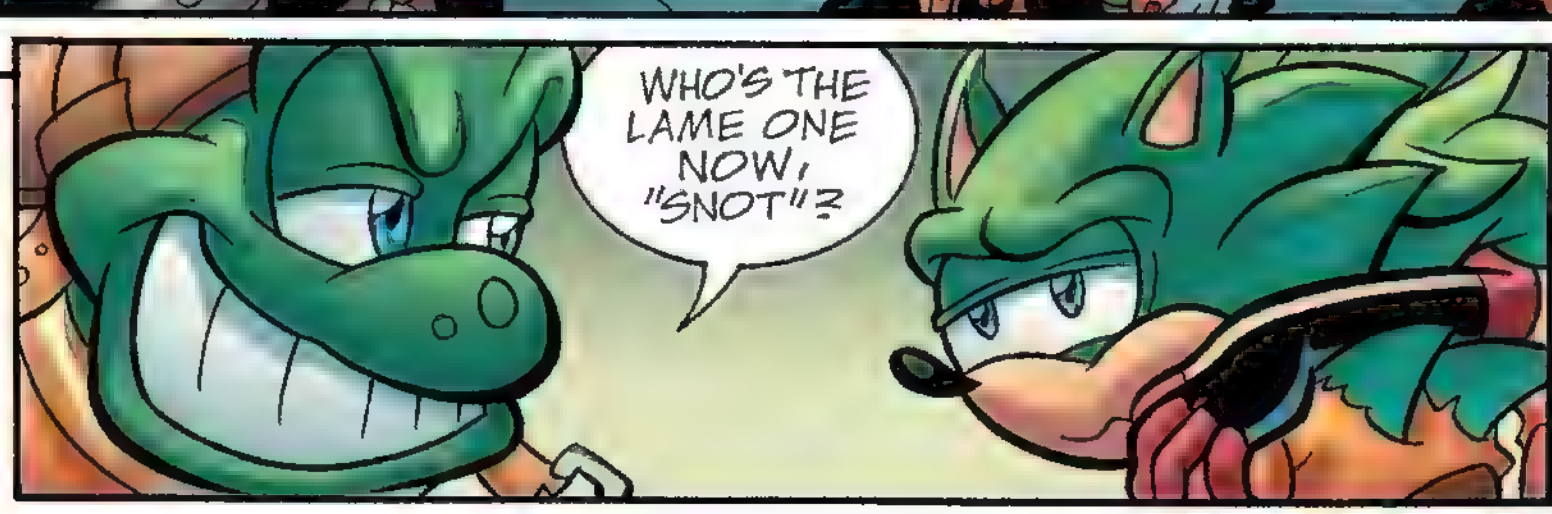
HEH. DÉJÀ VU.
CRACK!
OOF!
UGH!

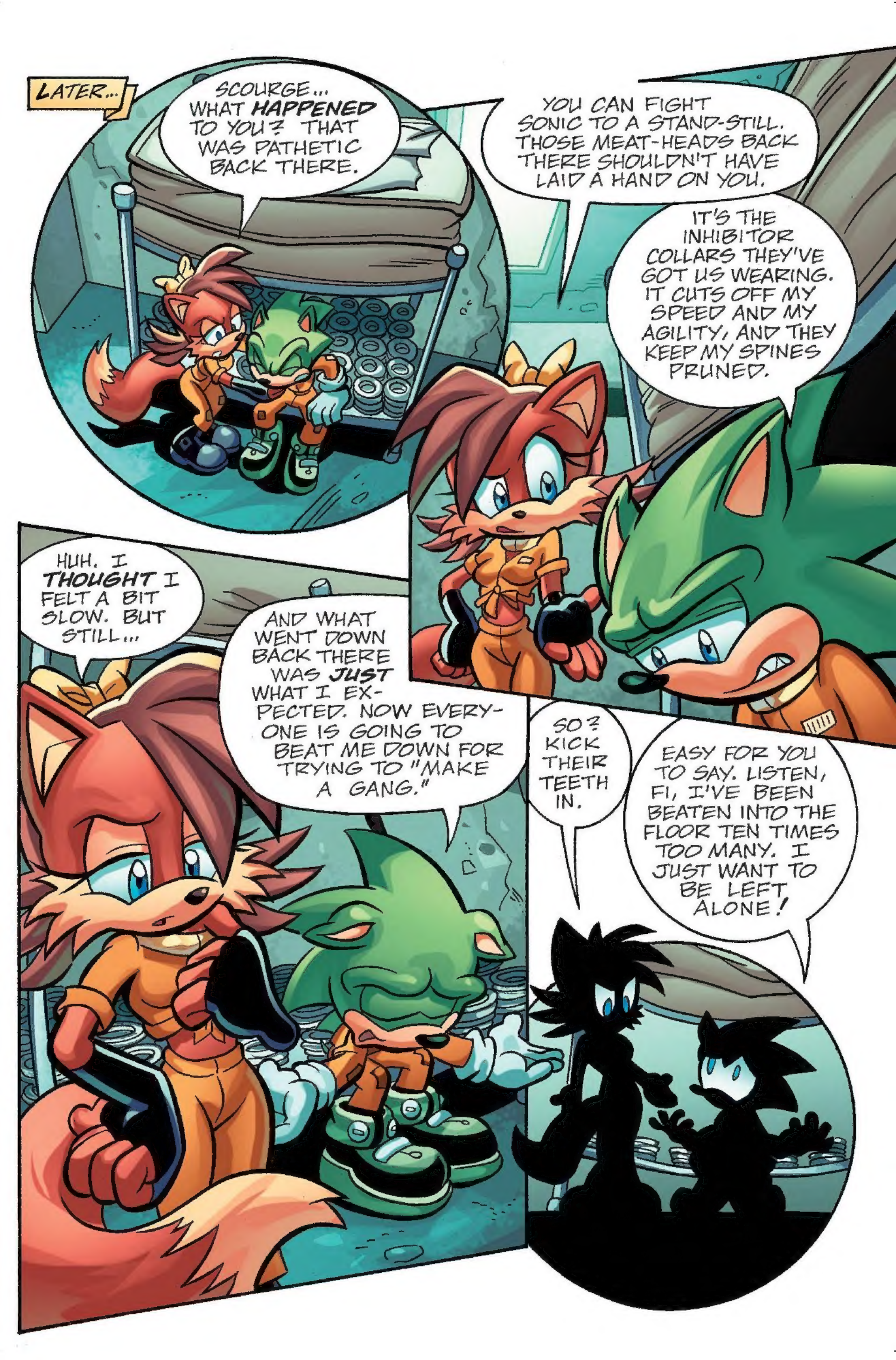
SCOURGE BELONGS TO US. DON'T TOUCH HIM.
YOU'VE JUST SIGNED YOUR DEATH WARRANTS.
OOOH, WHAT A SCARY OLD MAN!

C'MON, BABE. ON YOUR FEET.

TARGETS NEUTRALIZED, BOSS. ANY FURTHER ORDERS?
JUST MAKE SURE NOBODY GETS ROWDY WHILE I TALK TO MY BOY.

UNDERSTOOD. ENJOY YOUR LOST CAUSE.


WHO'S THE LAME ONE NOW, "SNOT"?


LATER...
SCOURGE... WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? THAT WAS PATHETIC BACK THERE.
YOU CAN FIGHT SONIC TO A STAND-STILL. THOSE MEAT-HEADS BACK THERE SHOULDN'T HAVE LAID A HAND ON YOU.
IT'S THE INHIBITOR COLLARS THEY'VE GOT US WEARING. IT CUTS OFF MY SPEED AND MY AGILITY, AND THEY KEEP MY SPINES PRUNED.
HUH. I THOUGHT I FELT A BIT SLOW. BUT STILL...
AND WHAT WENT DOWN BACK THERE WAS JUST WHAT I EXPECTED. NOW EVERYONE IS GOING TO BEAT ME DOWN FOR TRYING TO "MAKE A GANG."
SO? KICK THEIR TEETH IN.
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY. LISTEN, FI, I'VE BEEN BEATEN INTO THE FLOOR TEN TIMES TOO MANY. I JUST WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE!

THEN YOU DO NEED A TEAM, LIKE SONIC.
HAHAHA! YEAH, JUST RUB SALT INTO THE WOUND, WHY DON'T YA?

I SHOULDN'T NEED A BUNCH OF FUZZY-BUDDIES TO CUDDLE UP TO. I CONQUERED A WHOLE STINKIN' PLANET ON MY OWN...
BABE, BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF HERE. YOU JUST... BEAT UP A BUNCH OF REGIONAL WARLORDS AND SAID THAT MADE YOU KING.

BESIDES, SONIC'S FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE HIS FRIENDS. THAT MAKES THEM LIABILITIES. YOU CAN HAVE YOUR OWN GANG OF CANNON FODDER AND STILL BE THE BADDEST DUDE AMONG THEM.

CONVINCING THEM TO HELP YOU NOW MIGHT BE A LITTLE HARD, THOUGH...
MY GANG... MY ARMY... BUT I STILL KEEP THE BRAGGING RIGHTS...

YOU GOT A PLAN?
OF COURSE I'VE GOT A PLAN. ARE YOU READY TO GET SOME REVENGE?
I'LL MAKE THE DESTRUCTIX MY GANG! THEN WE'RE BUSTING OUT OF THIS PLACE. AND ANYONE IN OUR WAY IS IN FOR A WORLD OF PAIN!
THAT'S PRETTY BIG TALK, SCOURGE! CAN HE WIN OVER SOME OF THE MOST DANGEROUS THUGS IN THE PRISON? OR IS THIS PLAN DOOMED TO FAIL? SURPRISING REVELATIONS AWAIT IN THE NEXT ISSUE!
AND DON'T FORGET TO JOIN ALL THE "20TH ANNIVERSARY" FUN OVER IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AS WE BEGIN THE JOURNEY INTO
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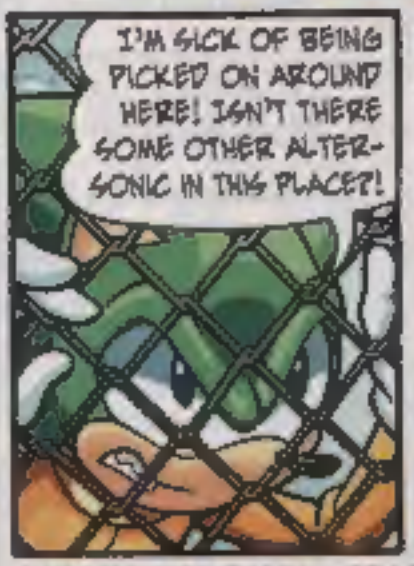

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